

Dismissal of charges was unrelated to the civil settlement

Several victims from the Nisur Square shooting have asked whether the settlement of the civil lawsuit against the Blackwater company had some influence on the Court's decision to dismiss the criminal case on December 31, 2009. The Criminal and Civil cases were entirely separate proceedings, and were handled by separate judges in two different courthouses. The decision by some of the victims to agree to a financial settlement had nothing to do with the dismissal of the criminal case by Judge Ricardo Urbina.